Train accidents

342. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
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WiU the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state.

(a) the details of railway accidents during the past three months, indicat. irg the number of persons killed and injured therein and the causes of these accidents; and what is the amount of compensation given in each case;

(b) what further action has been taken to avert the accidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) 116 train accidents have occurred from November 92 to January 93 over all Indian Railways which is inclusive of 15 collisions, 89 derailments, 9 level crossing gate accideats and 3 cases of fire in trains. In these accidents 61 persons lost their ii 'c-s and 178 were injured. These acccidents oecured mainly on account of human failure, negligence of road users, mechanical and track equipment failures, etc.

No compensation has been paid so far.

(b) Some of the steps taken to re. duce accidents are as under:—

(i) Induction of technical devices to aid the human.

(ii) Continuing emphasis on renewal and rehabilitation of overaged assets, particularly track, bridges and rolling stock.

(iii) Improvement in quality of out-turn from the workshops.

(iv) Intensive inspection of telecom gears, maintenance depots of coaches wagons and locomotives.

(v) Monitoring the performance of the staff of the critical safety-categories as drivers, guards, station masters, etc.

(vi) Intensive training of staff in operational categories.

(vii) Surprise checks against carriage of inflammafole|explosive materials in passenger trains.

(viii) Provision of whistle boards, speed breakers and road signs at the approaches of unmanned level crossings and improving visibility for road users and train drivers.

(ix) Educative campaigns through public medical including Doordar shan and Radio to educate road users on the precautions tobe taken at level crossings.

(x) Joint checks in coordination with the State Govts, to enforce provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act.

रेलवे स्टेशनों पर बुक स्टालों का आबंटन

343. **श्री राम गोपाल यादव** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या रेलवे स्टेशनों पर बुक स्टालों के आबंटन के संबंध में कोई नीति है ;

(ख) क्या पूरे देश के सभी रेलवे स्टेशनों पर स्थित बुक स्टालों के खोले जाने की परमिट एक ही कंपनी को दिया जाना तर्कसंगत है ;

(ग) क्या ए० एच० व्हीलर एंड कंपनी के एकाधिकार के चलते इन बुक स्टालों पर स्तरीय पुस्तकों के अभाव की सूचना समय-समय पर रेल मंत्रालय को मिलती रहती है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो क्या रेल मंत्रालय बुक स्टालों का आबंटन जोन-वाइज करने का विचार रखता है ?